

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)				
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report				
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>			
<420> Mobile				
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<440> Fixed				
<450> Mobile				
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<510> <input type="text" value="431981ok510"/>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<610> <input type="text" value="431981ok610"/>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1010> <input type="text"/>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

 Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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-- See attached worksheet --

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<811>	Holding Company	FairPoint Communications, Inc.
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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	Cherokee Nation - Oklahoma

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

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Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes,No, NA)
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul
options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers
broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	431981ok1210
		Name of attached document (.pdf)
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)}
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}

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Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

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Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.
- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	CHOUTEAU TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE
Date	10/07/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Mike Skrivan
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	VP Regulatory
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	207-535-4150
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	431981
Filing Due Date for this form:	10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	(f/k/a FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp., f/k/a FairPoint Communications Corp.)		
	BE Mobile Communications, Incorporated		Bentleyville Long Distance
	Bentleyville Communications Corporation	170145	dba FairPoint Communications
	Berkshire Cable Corp.		
	Berkshire Cellular, Inc.		
	Berkshire New York Access, Inc.		
	Berkshire Telephone Corporation	150073	dba FairPoint Communications
	Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.	462192	dba FairPoint Communications
	Bluestem Telephone Company	411835	dba FairPoint Communications
	C & E Communications, Ltd.		
	Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Inc.		
	Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Corporation	150078	dba FairPoint Communications
	China Telephone Company	100004	dba FairPoint Communications
	Chouteau Telephone Company	431981	dba FairPoint Communications
	Columbine Telecom Company (f/k/a Columbine Acquisition Corp.)	462204	dba FairPoint Communications
	Columbus Grove Telephone Company	300604	dba FairPoint Communications
	COM Networks, Inc.		
	Comerco, Inc.		
	Community Service Telephone Co.	100015	dba FairPoint Communications
	C-R Communications, Inc.		
	C-R Long Distance, Inc.		
	C-R Telephone Company	341009	dba FairPoint Communications
	El Paso Long Distance Company		

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	Ellensburg Telephone Company	522412	dba FairPoint Communications
	Elltel Long Distance Corp.		
	Enhanced Communications of Northern New England Inc.		
	ExOp of Missouri, Inc.		
	FairPoint Broadband, Inc.		
	FairPoint Business Services LLC		
	FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc.		
	FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	421472	dba FairPoint Communications
	FairPoint Logistics, Inc. (f/k/a MJD Capital Corp.)		
	FairPoint Vermont, Inc.		
	Germantown Independent Telephone Company	300618	dba FairPoint Communications
	Germantown Long Distance Company		
	GTC Communications, Inc. (f/k/a TPG Communications, Inc.)		
	GTC, Inc.	210291	(Floral) dba FairPoint Communications
	GTC, Inc.	210329	(Perry) dba FairPoint Communications
	Maine Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications
	Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185	dba FairPoint Communications
	Marianna Tel, Inc.		
	MJD Services Corp.		
	MJD Ventures, Inc.		
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - Maine	105111	dba FairPoint Communications
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - New Hampshire	125113	dba FairPoint Communications
	Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.	103313	dba FairPoint Communications

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	Orwell Communications, Inc.		
	Orwell Telephone Company	300649	dba FairPoint Communications
	Peoples Mutual Long Distance Company		
	Peoples Mutual Telephone Company	190244	dba FairPoint Communications
	Quality One Technologies, Inc.		
	Ravenswood Communications, Inc.		
	Sidney Telephone Company	103313	dba FairPoint Communications
	ST Enterprises, Ltd.		
	ST Long Distance, Inc.		
	St. Joe Communications, Inc.	210339	dba FairPoint Communications
	Standish Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications
	Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc.	461835	dba FairPoint Communications
	Taconic Technology Corp.		
	Taconic TelCom Corp.		
	Taconic Telephone Corp.	150084	dba FairPoint Communications
	Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC	145115	dba FairPoint Communications
	The El Paso Telephone Company	341004	dba FairPoint Communications
	UI Long Distance, Inc.		Northland Long Distance
	Unite Communications Systems, Inc.		
	Utilities, Inc.		
	YCOM Networks Inc.	522453	dba FairPoint Communications

**Chouteau
Oklahoma
431981**

Service Quality Reporting/Consumer Protection Rules Compliance:

ElPaso Telephone Company, hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with service quality and consumer protection provisions under state law. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of The Oklahoma Public Service Commission which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) compliance with state consumer protection provisions relating to Customer Services as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with provisions for Quality of Service as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Service Objectives as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with customer Inquiry procedure as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Dispute standards as identified in the Code of State Regulations; (3) compliance with truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."² The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."³

The Oklahoma Public Service Commission does not require Chouteau Telephone Company to file Service Quality Reports.

If a customer has a concern about their FairPoint Communications' service or billing, he/she can contact repair service, technical support or customer service with information found on their statement. Customers may also contact agencies, through information posted in the phone directory, website, and tariff pages. All consumer complaints whether from Attorney Generals' offices, Public Utility Commissions, Better Business Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies are sent to the FairPoint Communications' Maine office via U.S. Mail or by electronic mail at consumer@fairpoint.com. The complaints are directed to the appropriate responsible Company Team member within FairPoint Communications for resolution and response to the customer.

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

² *Id.* at para. 28.



FairPoint Communications

1 Davis Farm Road
Portland, ME 04103

Barney Boynton
Director, Operational Risk

Business Continuity Plan Overview

Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope & Structure
- Recovery Strategies and Logistics
- Plan Maintenance and Exercising

BCP Scope

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- Customer Interfacing – It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an external-interfacing element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity – Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business operations (back/front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services / systems as, building space for staff, service utilities, telecom network, IT network, etc.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- IT/IS
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- NOC (Network Operations Center)
- E-9-1-1
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents (i.e., work-stoppage and pandemic). All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.



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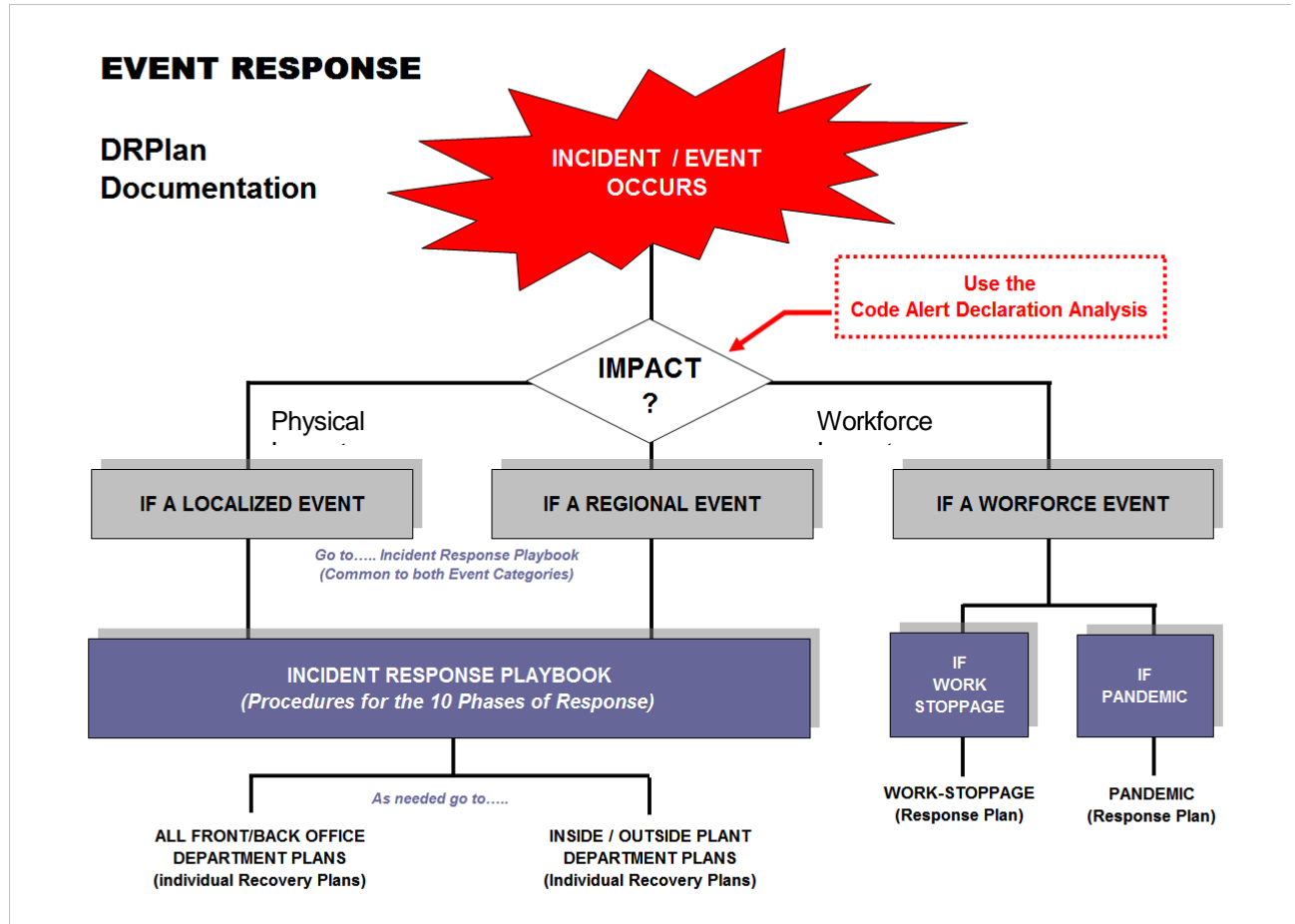
BCP Structure

The BCP consists of several components:

- The BCP Manual (an overview of all BCP documents)
- IR Playbooks (addresses the response procedures for Physical and Workforce related events),
- Appendices (the IR Playbook procedures links to these Resources Files)
- Department Recovery Plans (Business and Plant Operations)
- Business Impact Assessments (Business and Plant Operations)

The Event Response diagram below identifies the overall BCP documentation and how a disruption or incident will dictate which path of the BCP will be followed to restore business operations.

Once the incident or disruption occurs, the impact first needs to be quickly assessed to determine whether it is a physically disruptive event (local or regional) ("Physically Disruptive Event") or a workforce disruptive event (work-stoppage or pandemic) ("Work-Force Related Disruptive Event"). The disruption is always focused on critical business operations and services that can impact customer interfacing / deliverables.



Recovery Strategies and Logistics

Our BCP is based on the premise that FairPoint cannot stop disasters from occurring, but we can address the IMPACT of incidents should they occur. Where possible we will provide risk mitigation measures that will minimize the likelihood of having a serious disruptive incident but in no case can we eliminate all disruptive possibilities. The BCP is triggered by a Disruption Scenario, not a Threat Scenario. FairPoint pre-plans for potential break-points that can result in a customer interfacing disruption and incorporates recovery strategies that will inherently address any potential threat and any resulting business disruption impact. The actual threat (i.e. fire, flood, etc.) is pertinent only with respect to immediate response activities. All subsequent response efforts are focused on the assessment of damages (physical losses and recovery duration) and the implementation of restoration and recovery strategies. The restoration of the business servicing operations and infrastructure systems is based on salvage, replacement of systems and alternate functionality measures, which are pre-defined in the BCP.

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements have a high level of consideration in



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addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations.

The Ten Response Phases of Physical Event are:

- Incident Notification
- Visual Damage Assessment
- Incident Stabilization
- Command Center Initiation
- Initial Notifications to Business Departments – to activate plans
- Primary Site Damage Assessments
- Ready Alternate Restoration Sites
- Primary Site Salvage & Recovery
- Business Restoration Process
- Primary Site Re-established

Plan Maintenance and Exercising

The BCP is a living document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are scenario tested with oversight from FairPoint's Corporate Risk Management Team.

Chouteau Telephone Company
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- ❖ Original letter sent in November, 2012, to Principal Chief Bill John Baker, Cherokee Nation. Certified Mail Return Receipt Card indicating receipt of the letter.
- ❖ Phone Calls 11/21/2012 message left 2:00pm
- ❖ Phone Calls 12/6/2012 message left 9:00am
- ❖ January, 2013 letter attempting a face to face meeting with Chief Baker

The letters, nor phone calls, created any response from the Tribe. Chouteau has never been contacted by the Cherokee Tribe regarding any communications issues, concerns related to any service we provide, any right-of-way concerns, or any licensing or permit problems.

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November 15, 2012

--- VIA Certified Mail ---

Bill John Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

As you may know, the FCC issued a Public Notice in Docket DA 12-1165 on July 19, 2012. The purpose of the Public Notice was to provide guidance on the "Tribal engagement obligation" adopted in the USF/ICC Transformation Order. Simply put, the order is intended to facilitate the required discussion between Tribal government officials and communications providers who are providing or seek to provide service on Tribal lands with the use of Universal Service Fund (USF) support.

The Public Notice goes on to say that the broad goal is to ensure the effective exchange of information that will lead to a common understanding between Tribal governments and communications providers receiving USF support. I have attached a copy of the Public Notice to this letter, so that you can review the notice at your convenience.

The purpose of this letter is to assure you that Chouteau Telephone Company (FairPoint Communications, Inc) which serves Chouteau, Peggs and Cedar Crest with local, long distance and broadband services takes this Public Notice very serious. To that end, I would like to schedule a meeting with you to begin the dialogue regarding your communications' needs.

Please feel free to contact me at 620.227.4409 or via email at pmorse@fairpoint.com if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to arrange a date for a meeting. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Morse
SR VP Government Affairs

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January 16, 2013

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Dear Mr. Baker:

This letter is a follow-up to my correspondence dated November 15, 2012 related to the FCC Public Notice in Docket DA 12-1165 issued in July, 2012.

I have not had a response to my request for a meeting to discuss your communications needs in the service territory of Chouteau Telephone Company (FairPoint Communications, Inc.) which serves Chouteau, Peggs and Cedar Crest with local, long distance and broadband service.

I am scheduled to attend a meeting in Oklahoma City on January 25th (next Friday) and would be more than happy to come to Tahlequah on Thursday the 24th to discuss communications matters. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you would like to have a meeting.

I can be reached at 620.227.4409 or at pmorse@fairpoint.com. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Morse", written over a horizontal line.

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Chouteau Telephone Company provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The tariff pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Chouteau Telephone Company are attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

I. LIFELINE SERVICE

A. Applicability

1. Lifeline Service is a telecommunications service assistance program designed to provide eligible residential customers with a credit to be applied to the price of basic local exchange service.
2. Eligible customers will receive a credit as set forth in Section D. Lifeline Credits below, to be applied to their basic local exchange access service.
3. Customers shall not receive more than one Lifeline credit regardless of the number of residential access lines or locations the customer receives service within the State of Oklahoma.
4. All charges, either recurring or nonrecurring, for any service or feature other than Lifeline Service shall be billed at the tariffed rate.
5. Lifeline Service shall not be available on a retroactive basis.

B. Designated Services Available to Lifeline Customers ⁽¹⁾

The following services shall be offered to eligible Lifeline customers:

1. Single Party Service
2. Local Usage
3. Touch Tone Services
4. Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network
5. Access to Emergency Services
6. Access to Operator Services
7. Access to Interexchange Services
8. Access to Directory Assistance
9. Availability of Toll Restriction at No Charge ⁽²⁾

C. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service in Non-Tribal Areas

1. Customers or applicants seeking a Lifeline service credit must provide documentation to the Company establishing that the customer or applicant meets one or more of the following eligibility requirements prior to receiving the Lifeline service credit. The applicant must check all that apply.

(1) Lifeline service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.

(2) Eligible customers accepting toll restriction services shall not be required to pay a deposit.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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C. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service in Non-Tribal Areas
(Continued)

- a. The applicant or customer must meet the requirements for eligibility for either Medicaid/SoonerCare, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), federal public housing, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF"), National School Lunch Program ("NSL") Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") or 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Additionally, persons who are eligible recipients of income assistance for Vocational Rehabilitation (including Aid to the Hearing Impaired) are also eligible for the Lifeline Service credit; or
 - b. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the State Department of Rehabilitation services, under programs providing vocational rehabilitation, including aid to the hearing impaired; or
 - c. Are eligible for or receive assistance or benefits, as certified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, pursuant to the Sales Tax Relief Act, section 5011 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
 - d. For federal income tax purposes, the applicant is not a dependant unless over sixty years of age.
2. The eligibility requirements listed above will be certified to by the applicant or the applicable state agency. The Company assumes no responsibility for the certification of customers or applicants eligibility.
 3. Upon receipt of the applicant's documentation establishing eligibility as stated above, the Company will begin providing the credit.
 4. Lifeline customers are required to provide documentation for the purpose of determining their continuing eligibility for the Lifeline credit, upon request of the Company, no less frequently than annually.
 5. The Lifeline service credit will be discontinued for customers who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline Service credit.

D. Lifeline Credits in Non-Tribal Areas

Monthly Credit

Federal Lifeline Credit:	\$9.25
Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Credit:	\$1.17(1)

(1) OUSF Credit does not apply to a customer that qualifies under the 135% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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E. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands

1. The applicant or customer seeking to obtain Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands (see definition in 2.a. below) must demonstrate their current participation in at least one of the following assistance programs. The Applicant or customer shall complete and sign, under penalty of perjury, an authorization and self certification form provided by the Company. The Applicant or customer must check all of the following that apply.
 - a. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") f/k/a Food Stamps
 - b. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
 - c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - d. Medical Assistance
 - e. Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired)
 - f. Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief
 - g. Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - h. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
 - i. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR")
 - j. 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
 - k. Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; ⁽¹⁾
 - l. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally-administered block grant programs; ⁽²⁾
 - m. Head Start Programs (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income qualifying eligibility provision); or
 - n. National School Lunch Program (only applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals).
2. The applicant or customer must also certify:
 - a. Residence on Tribal Lands as described in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v).
 - b. Agreement to notify Company if applicant or customer no longer participates in the program or programs described in paragraph 1. above, for which the Applicant or Customer certified their participation in.
 - c. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless the applicant is over the age of 60.
3. Upon receipt of the completed self certification, Company will begin providing the credit set forth in F. below. Lifeline credits will not be implemented or continued unless telephone service arrangements are remain, within the Lifeline Service criteria specified above.

(1) Applicant must "have sufficient resources to meet the basic and special needs defined by the Bureau Standard of assistance," 25 C.F.R. § 20.21.

(2) 42 U.S.C. § 612 and 45 C.F.R. § 286.

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E. Eligibility Requirements for Lifeline Service On Tribal Lands (Continued)

4. The Lifeline credits will be discontinued upon receipt by the Company of notice by the Customer that they no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Lifeline credits.
5. The Lifeline credits will be automatically discontinued unless the customer annually certifies they continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Lifeline credits. All such annual re-self certifications must be submitted to the Company within the time frames determined by the Company.
6. Lifeline customers will be converted to standard residential service rates once they no longer qualify for Lifeline Service. No service charge will apply for this change in service.

F. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands

Lifeline Service on Tribal Lands has been established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), therefore eligible Lifeline customers will receive the appropriate credits, depending on the programs the customer participates in, as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45 and as set forth below:

1. If a customer indicates eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" f/k/a Food Stamps), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation (including aid to the hearing impaired), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ("FDPIR") or Oklahoma Sales Tax Relief Act (68 O.S. §5011, et seq.), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

	<u>Monthly Credit⁽¹⁾</u>
Federal Lifeline Credit	\$ 9.25
Oklahoma Universal Service Fund Credit	\$ 1.17
Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00	(2)

(1) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate, less \$1.00. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.

(2) Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$25.00 as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45.

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I. LIFELINE SERVICE

F. Lifeline Credits on Tribal Lands (Continued)

2. If a customer indicates his eligibility to receive Lifeline credits as only one or more of the following: Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribally administered block grant programs, Head Start Programs (only those meeting its income qualifying eligibility provision), 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or National School Lunch Program (only Applicant or customer who satisfy the income standard of the program for free meals), then the Customer should receive credits as follows:

Monthly Credit ⁽³⁾

Federal Lifeline Credit	\$ 9.25
Additional Federal Credit to Residential Access Line	
Necessary to reduce customer's bill to \$1.00	(see footnote (4) below)

- (3) Credit amount will not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the residential local exchange rate less \$1.00. In no instance will a subscriber's monthly local exchange rate be less than \$1.00 after the application of the Lifeline Credits.
- (4) Eligible customers will also receive an additional reduction off the applicable monthly tariff rate for their local exchange service, not to exceed \$25.00 as specified by the FCC in CC Docket No. 96-45.